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Extent of damages by floods in Cocanada.

* 730-D Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of streets in the City of Cocanada and its suburbs that suffered on account of the Yeleru floods during the recent rains;

(b) the number of houses that were washed and the number of those that collapsed; and

(c) the extent of damage caused to goods and timber stocked in factories and warehouses?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have not the details asked for. The Collector has been asked to report them if he has collected such information or to report such estimates as it is practicable to make.

Widening of the Yeleru bridge at Cocanada.

* 730-E Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether, with reference to the answer given to question No. 1406 answered on 25th January 1928, the Government are considering any scheme for the effective drainage of water; and

(b) whether, in view of the immense inundation experienced this year, the Government will take steps to concert measures sufficient not only to drain away the water in normal times but also to drain away the large quantity of inundation water during the period of north-east monsoon which has to pass along Yeleru every year?

A.—(a) No such scheme has so far been devised.

(b) So far it has not been found practicable to devise measures as suggested. The question will be again investigated in connexion with the recent floods but the prospects of finding a workable plan are not bright.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"I take it, Sir, that the answer to clause (b) of the question is that a scheme will be considered to drain the water?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"We have directed the matter to be investigated, Sir."

Extent of damages by floods in the East Godavari district.

* 730 F Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of damages caused by the recent rains in the East Godavari district;

(b) the number of families that have been rendered homeless;

(c) the value of the various crops that have been submerged in the flood;

(d) the action taken by the Government to give relief to the sufferers; and

(e) the amount that the Government propose to spend thereon?